

# COME BACK

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## Joel: Redeeming Love | Joel 1-3

1. How do we make sense of natural or other disasters that happen or how do we respond when personal tragedies and struggles come? Does Joel help with this and if so why and how?
2. How does the Prophet Joel's portrayal of the locust plague in chapter one impact your understanding of God's judgment now and in the future? How can we reconcile the harsh judgment spoken of here with our understanding of a loving God?
3. The day of the Lord is mentioned several times by Joel (1:15,2:1,31, 3:14,) Why is Joel so desperate for the people to understand this truth? How does he call the people to respond? 2:12,13. What might this mean for us today in our context?
4. "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world." C.S. Lewis Has this been your experience? Share stories of how painful times may have brought you back to God.
5. Take time to focus on the description God gives of himself in 2:13 and his blessings through ch 2. What do we learn about God here? How have you experienced these promises and this hope in your own life?
6. What is our response to God's redeeming love? Read 2 Peter 3:8-14 How does our renewed understanding of the day of the Lord's coming effect the way we live and help us to understand our call to live consecrated lives today?



What did you discover about God in this passage?  
What did you discover about people in this passage?  
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?  
With whom will you share what you have learned?

